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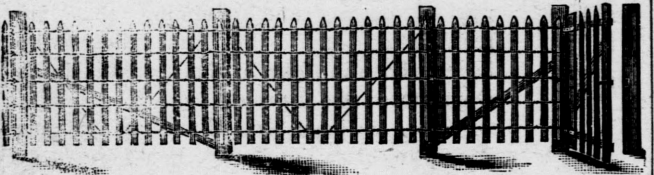
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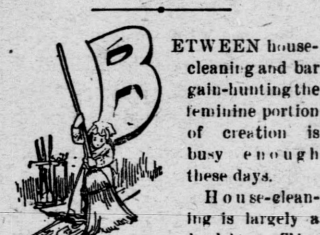
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Our Woman's Column



BETWEEN house-cleaning and bar gain-hunting the feminine portion of creation is busy enough these days. House-cleaning is largely a habit. The thrifty housekeeper gets in the way of having a general upheaval twice a year, and she could not dispense with it, or she thinks she couldn't. And yet some authorities declare that the periodic house-cleaning is an unnecessary infliction. Their plan is to give one room a cleaning every week. Thus if there are seven rooms, each room gets a renovation every seven weeks, and the house never has an opportunity to become dirty enough to need troublesome overhauling.

But it is hard to make the methodical housekeeper fall into this way. She likes to turn the house out of windows in the spring and fall, and she does it. This is the time for spring cleaning, and there are hundreds of poor men groaning in spirit as they scent the battle of carpet-beating, window cleaning, paper-hanging, that comes with the first suggestion of continued sunshine. So this spring there will be just as much house-cleaning as ever in spite of new theories of management. The only thing that is wanted now is weather—that is the right kind of weather.

SPRING BARGAINS.

The fat woman is offered small, round hats that will look on her head like a penny bun on a prize pumpkin. The sallow woman sees green, and nothing but green, in all trimmings in every shade.

The thin, tall woman finds herself confronted with box-like creations, which will add a foot to her apparent height.

The old woman is offered the most juvenile styles and colors, and the young woman is forced to decline sweet things in which all the colors of the rainbow struggle for supremacy.

KATE FIELD ON SUFFRAGE.

Kate Field does not believe that many women desire to vote, although she believes in their inherent right to the ballot. She says in a recent interview on the subject:

"Women are not sufficiently enlightened on the subject to want suffrage, and I am not so sure that it is wise to give anybody anything unless they have a desire for it. They would be just as likely to deaden, who always growl. They never appreciate what they get, while those who pay their way sit out the show, and generally like it. I believe in the justice of woman's suffrage. I believe they have as much right to it as men. I don't see that women in Wyoming and Colorado are a bit different from the women in the States where they have no suffrage."

"Women want some mental disipation. They want to get away from the humdrum existence they lead. Men have their clubs and political meetings and such things to give spice to their lives, but do not appreciate the narrowness of the circle in which women move. When women have such serious things as politics to interest them they will drop a great deal that is trifling. If anything in the world could reduce the number of hours women devote to shopping, what a blessing it would be! There are no gadders on earth like American women. If they gadded to some purpose—if they took up fine cooking or aesthetic dressing for instance—it would be different."

"Aunt" Mary Crabtree, of Troublesome Creek, Ky., might properly be called either a new-old woman or an old-new woman. She is nearly ninety-one years old, has recently cut a new set of teeth, and her hair, which used to be snow white, has become a dark glossy brown.

TOILET HINTS.

Hats this spring are worn well over the forehead. This is another Parisian freak which American women are free to adopt. It matters not whether the hat is small or large; it must reach very nearly to the eyebrows. The regulation bonnet with the strings is no more. The new bonnets are made regardless of shape, and are so small as hardly to deserve a name.

There are some reasons for thinking that fancy mobairs will be the first choice of almost all occasions in the coming season. It comes in so many colors, so overlaid with silk in stripes or flowers, that almost none of the old "house-hair-soft" suggestion left. The material lasts well; it hides its crispness and for the style of conventional fold in drapery, it serves well.

Mr. J. J. Miller says not one woman in ten washes her face clean.

WOMEN LAWYERS.

What authority had Shakespeare for making a woman a lawyer in the "Merchant of Venice"? Many people who have admired the character of Portia are not aware that about the date when the "Merchant of Venice" was supposed to have exhibited his ga-

berdine on the Bialto, there actually existed great female lawyers in the neighboring city of Bologna. Professor Calderina, who held the chair of Jurisprudence in that university in 1380, and Professor Novello, who occupied it in 1866, were not only celebrated for their legal broad skill, but, if we may trust their portraits, were exceedingly beautiful women, with noble Greek profiles, dressed in a style which actresses who portray the part of Shakespeare's heroine might copy without disadvantage.

Miss Remington's Views.

Exactly why one's employer should always use one as an escape valve for the anger he is obliged to bottle up at home, I don't know. I can always tell just what the state of domestic felicity is in the Bosman household by Mr. Bosman's manner. This morning, for instance, he was late. That meant that he had spent a little more time than usual over breakfast. Either they had company or a family row. I soon saw that it was the latter.

"Miss Remington," he began fiercely, "have you sent out that circular I dictated yesterday afternoon?"

"No, sir; not yet. You remember?"

"Will you be kind enough to explain why you haven't followed my directions?"

That meant that there had been a high old fight at home. It always waxes extremely punctilious in his wrath when he has been quarrelling with Mrs. Bosman.

"You finished the dictation just at closing time, sir," said I, "and I have been here only since 9 this morning."

"Can't you have breakfast earlier when you know we are rushed? Or does your cook also take her own time about serving meals?"

I saw it was the cook that was the trouble.

"We have no cook," I said, "and so we don't have to contend with her. But I don't think that I could often make a point of getting over before 9."

"Well, be kind enough to get to work now and get those letters off. I can't understand what objection you women have to work. You're all so afraid of overstepping your sphere of usefulness and doing a stroke of labor that doesn't fall within your own particular province. It's disgusting. Women need never hope to succeed in any branch of work while such a spirit governs them. It's outrageous. Why aren't you working?"

"Because you are talking sir."

"Miss Remington, I should dislike to discharge you, after the years you have worked for us for instance. If you care to keep your place you must be civil even to your employer."

Then he flung himself into the next office and fairly berated the chief clerk about something. And then he had a row with his partner. And all because the cook had failed to have breakfast on time and his wife hadn't cooked it herself.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

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Cupid and the Camera.

This is a photographer's story: "About a year ago a young man employed in a railroad office came in and had his picture taken."

"About the same time a beautiful woman from an interior town came in and had her taken also; both left the order, desiring me to send them to their addresses as soon as finished."

"In the back my clerk put the finished of the first name and wrote the surname in full."

"It happened they both had the same last name; the young man's name was John H. and the young woman's name was Julia H. When the pictures were mailed there was a mistake, the young man getting the young woman's pictures, and vice versa."

"A week or two later quite a lady, of it is as shown, the young people having fallen in love with one another at sight of the pictures."

"They corresponded for several months."

"Some time ago the young man bought a suitable diamond ring, and now he has ordered his wedding suit."

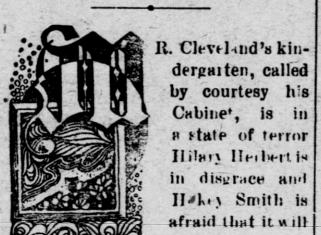
"That is what I call a first-class romance," said the photographer to a Louisville Courier-Journal reporter.

The best of it all is that the couple are well suited in every respect and are of good families."

Asking.

"He stole from my body a rose, My cheek was his color the while; But ah! The sky roge, he well knows I feel all the time worn and weary. My hand says, he hardly dares to ask me to put a red rose in my bodice now, its color mocks my cheeks, O, that I might once again be well!" You can, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best remedy known for the ills from which women suffer. It's guaranteed to cure in all cases of "female weakness," irregularities, displacements and kindred ailments. It's a great tonic and nerve.

Washington Letter



Hilary's disfigure was brought about by his having given pedagogues Cleveland false reports as to the condition of affairs at home. He told Mr. Cleveland that the free silver Democrats of Alabama were more noisy than numerous and that the recent primaries would show the state overwhelmingly for sound money. He's sorry now he told that, and he won't forget the half hour he spent with Mr. Cleveland after it became known that the silver Democrats had captured the state bag and bagga. E. Hokey Smith has brought the same report about Georgia, and, according to ex-Speaker Crisp and other silver Democrats, they will be found to be more trustworthy than the reports of Hilary Herbert. Mr. Cleveland is just beginning to realize that the silver Democrats are much more likely to control the Chicago convention than he is, and the realization hasn't added to his amiability.

The last appropriation bill is now before the House and will probably be passed this week. Then the House will only have to act on the Senate amendment to those appropriation bills which have not yet been finally disposed of before being ready for adjournment. Republicans in the House have no fear of Senator Gorman's threat that the present Congress will be arraigned on the stump as a do-nothing body. In fact, they hope the Democrats will make such an attempt. The record of the present House has never been excelled for business-like procedure, and the more the Democrats say about the failure of Congress to relieve the Treasury, the more creditable will appear the action of the House in promptly passing the revenue tariff bill that failed in the Senate.

The conclusion of the House committee on Ways and Means not to report a bill providing for a restoration of the reciprocity policy originated by the late James G. Blaine, which was benefitting American producers and manufacturers when repealed by the Democratic tariff bill, is on all fours with common sense. The hearings before the committee left no doubt that public sentiment favors a return to the reciprocity, but that return being impossible while a Democratic president is in office the committee wisely decided not to waste time in preparing a bill and putting it through the Republican House only to have it hung up by the non-descript Senate, as the revenue tariff bill was or vetoed by Mr. Cleveland if it got through the Senate. Reciprocity will come along with the other good things which will follow the restoration of the Republicans to the control of all branches of the government.

No speaker of the House ever received a great compliment from a political opponent than was paid to Speaker Reed by Representative Duckery, of Mo., during a discussion of private bills before the House. Mr. Duckery said: "I want to say here in his presence, that I honor the present Speaker, Thomas B. Reed. He has stood like a lion in the path of members on both sides of the political aisle who have been pressing bills carrying a large sum."

Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, is one of the heavy hitters on the Republican side of the House, and he struck a knock out blow when he said to the Democratic side of the House: "You are paralyzed by your own utter inefficiency. The great feature of the administration of Grover Cleveland, its only feature that is its salvation from future contumely, is that when a bill to repeal the great revenue-producing, industry-propagating tariff law was presented to him, he said: 'My name shall never disgrace its pages.' You are attempting to place in contrast an administration that said '\$250,000,000 of the public debt with me that I brought \$250,000,000, and now troubles each day by the treasury bringing the news that the borrowed is drifting across the water.'"

Secretary Dowling, of the National League of Republican Clubs, whose headquarters are at Chicago, is in Washington on League business. His position gives him excellent facilities for knowing the trend of sentiment among the rank and file of Republicans, and he says that nearly all the requests for political literature, which are now being received from every section of the country, at the League headquarters, ask for tariff speeches and say that the most important question of the campaign will be protection. He says that comparatively few requests are received for financial literature. One of Mr. Dowling's objects in visiting Washington is to arrange for a supply of Congressional speeches for distribution.

Throw Away Trusses.

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A LITTLE LESSON IN GRAMMAR.

Careless habits of speech are among the prominent faults of our young people, even those young people who have advantages of schools and intelligent home surroundings. Recognizing this the professor of English literature at Wellesley College has prepared a list of "words, phrases and expressions to be avoided," from which both young and old readers can gather many serviceable hints:

Give s, for suppose or think.
Fix, for arrange or prepare.
Ride and drive, interchangeably, (Americanism).

Real, as an adverb, in expression real good, for really or very good, etc.
Some or any, in an adverbial sense; e. g., "I have not studied any," for at all. "Some ten days," for about ten days.

Not as I know, for not that I know.
Storms, for it rains or snows moderately.
Try an experiment, for make an experiment.

Singular subject with contracted plural verb; e. g., "She don't skat well."

Plural pronoun with the singular antecedent, as "Every man or woman should do their duty," or, "If you look any one's straight in the face, they will flinch."

Expect, for suspect.
First-rate as an adverb.
Nice, indiscriminately. "Real nice" may be doubly faulty.

Had rather, for would rather.
Had better, for would better.
Right away, for immediately.
Party, for person.

Promise, for assure.
Posted, for informed.
Post-graduate, for graduate.
Depot, for station.

Stopping, for staying.
Try and do, for try to do.
Try and go, for try to go.
Cunning, for small, dainty.

Cute, for acute.
Funny, for odd or unusual.
Above, for foregoing, more than, or beyond.

Does it look good enough, for well enough.
Somebody else's, for somebody's else.
Like I do, for as I do.

Not so good as, for not as good as.
Feel badly, for feel bad.
Feel good, for feel well.

Between seven, for among seven.
Seldom or ever, for seldom if ever, or seldom or never.

Taste and smell of, when used transitively. Illustration: We taste a dish which tastes of pepper.

More than you think for, for more than you think.
These kind, for this kind.

Nicely, in response to an inquiry for health.
Healthy, for wholesome.
Just as soon, for just as lief.

Kind of, to indicate a moderate degree.
The matter of, for the matter with.

After meals you should have simply a feeling of comfort and satisfaction. You should not feel any special indications that digestion is going on. If you do, you have indigestion, which means no-digestion. This may be the beginning of so many dangerous diseases, that it is best to take it in hand at once and treat it with Shaker Digestive Cordial. For you know that indigestion makes poison, which causes pain and sickness. And that Shaker Digestive Cordial helps digestion and cures digestion. Shaker Digestive Cordial does this by providing the digestive materials in which the sick stomach is wanting. It also tones up and strengthens the digestive organs and makes them perfectly healthy. This is the rationale of its method of cure, as the doctors would say. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

Honeymoon Albums.
Honeymoon albums are said to be a part of the wedding preparations of this up-to-date bride. They are simply put together, being, as a rule, made of a number of sheets of heavy linen paper cut to a fancied size, usually wider than long, and enclosed in covers that may be anything, the satin of the wedding dress over Bristol board, pieces of rough cardboard on which are pasted the bridal blossoms, white chambray, velvet, cut-anvil. One bride had hers done up at a stationer's and bound in softly-tinted vellum, and dove-gray leather with silver hinges. The contents of another bride, thus representing the spirit of the times, are made by the bride's own hand, ornamented with washings or embroidery, or whatever decoration she is skilled in.

Into the album go various souvenirs of the wedding journey that most brides collect and preserve, but only late ones have thought of arranging a menu card from the first hotel meal, a picture of the steambath in which they crossed lake, river or sea, the seat checks of the first theatre they attended together as husband and wife, pictures of various places at which they stopped, these and more put in with a pressed flower or a scroll of designation with date and any addenda the happy two may design make a collection that will long be treasured.

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Like some from the moon's silver sifted Through the dark awaying boughs of the pine,
And fragrant with night's perfume drifted, Wind blown, through her tresses divine
As she stood, with dark lashes uplifted And eyes flashing low into mine.

'Twas but the sweet story of ages We told to each other that night,
But, ah, how its memory assages The subsequent sorrow and blight
That swept from life's sanctified page Love's promise of beauty and light!

And when the moon's banner is streaming, Bright soon with the beads of the rain,
And the star lamps of memory are gleaming Through those uplifted lashes again,
I rest in the land of my dreaming From life's bitter pathway of pain.

I see in sleep's sweet recollection, Though fading as soon from my sight,
Those features in spirit reflection Shining out of their nimbus of light,
And they speak the same deathly fraction That they spoke to my spirit that night.

—W. B. Parke in Detroit Free Press.

Secrets of Scents.

A chemist who is nearly as learned as the Medici in all the subtle secrets of scent said not long ago: "I wonder when the world at large will come to realize that there is very much more in perfumes than meets the nose? I mean scents have other properties than those of which the olfactory sense takes cognizance. For example, the smell of roses, thyme, bergamot, clove pinks, some of the honeysuckles, grapes—both blossoms and fruit—peach and plum blossoms are both tonic and prophylactic. They add to the sense of environment either by giving it off themselves or liberating it from other elements of the atmosphere. Contravise, nearly all the lily family, tuberose, neroli—which is oil of orange flower—violets and nearly all the artificial perfumes are depressants and irritant to the nerves and the mucous membrane."

"Musk is to many constitutions slow poison; hence the danger of cheap perfumes. Musk is the basis of them all. It must be, since it has so great a quality of fixing other odors. A very little of the scent substance goes a long way, if fixed with musk. Do you know a grain of musk was weighed, when let exposed in a room for five years? Throughout that time the odor was almost insufferably strong in the place, yet at the end of it the weight of the musk had not diminished a particle. But that is beside the mark. What I set out to say was, beware of the flower or the substance whose scent gives a sense of oppression. Nature is a pretty safe guide, and the smothering is her danger signal.—New York Journal.

Passing Styles in Jewelry.
Here is a drawer full of coral jewelry. I cannot sell it at any price! Here is a coral set I paid \$2,000 francs for. You can have it for \$10. Why? Out of fashion and no one can tell whether it will again become the mode for half a century. Here is a cat's eye—they are all a species of garnet—that cost me 800 francs. It has no price at all upon it now. A few years ago "melee" diamonds formed in settings were the rage. What do I mean by "melee"? They are the small brilliants, ranging from one-quarter down to the one-sixty-fourth of a carat. Here is a "melee" brooch for which three years ago I asked \$720; I can duplicate it now for \$200. But three years ago "melee" diamonds sold for \$800 and \$700 a carat; now they have very little value.—Philadelphia Times.

The Time for Building
Up the system is at this season. The cold weather has made unusual drains upon the vital forces. The blood has become impoverished and impure, and all the functions of the body suffer in consequence. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the great builder, because it is the One True Blood Purifier and nerve tonic.

Hood's Pills become the favorite cathartics with all who use them. All druggists, 25 cents.

Mistress (angrily)—"Bridget, I find that you were one of my low-necked evening dresses to the 'bus-drivers' ball last evening. It's the worst piece of impudence I ever heard of. You ought to be ashamed of yourself."

Bridget (meekly)—"Oh wuz, mun—Oh wuz. And me young man said if Oliver wuz sich an ondanct dress in public agin he'd break our engagement."

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"What is the hardest thing to learn about a boy?" asked the elderly boarder. But before the bloomer boarder could reply the Cheerful Idiot hastened to say:

"To keep from talking about it, as far as I can notice."

Clergyman (to his wife, returning very late from a gossiping party)—"Whatever made you stay out so dreadfully late, wife?"

Wife—"Oh! I did not wish to disturb you in the preparation of your sermon."

Clergyman's Wife (ready for the fray on Monday night, after husband, returning very late from his club)—"Whatever made you stay out so dreadfully late, hubby?"

Clergyman—"Well, you see, dearest, I didn't want to disturb you the preparation of your curtain lecture."

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Republican State Convention!

A State Convention of the Republican Party of the State of Delaware will be held at 11 o'clock A. M., May 12th, at the Hotel... (text continues)

And further, it is ordered that the modes of the election of delegates shall be as follows: The Republican voters shall assemble at the usual voting places in the several sub-divisions of the State... (text continues)

JAMES H. WILSON, Chairman.
H. C. BROWNE, Secretary.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., APR. 25, 1896

BE WARNED IN TIME.

"We repeat that there is no occasion for factional division in the State Convention, and we do not anticipate any."

The voice of the masses in the Republican ranks is for harmony and victory.

It will be the most important election in the history of Delaware, and the general feeling in the party is that we must sink all individual preferences for victory.

The four sentences above quoted contain seven distinct statements. We sincerely wish that we could accept them all as indicating the true situation.

It is foolish to blindly shut one's eyes to the truth. We believe it is better, far better, to face the truth and to meet the issue like men. We can and do agree with the Republican that the masses of the party are for harmony and victory; that it is the most important election in the history of Delaware; that the success of the party is of greater importance than as to who shall be the leader to victory.

We want a victory that shall be a credit to the party and one that shall abide. Such a victory is within the grasp of the Republican Party if the honest rank and file will assert themselves at the primaries on the 9th of May, the anniversary of the treacherous climax of "Addicks or nobody" between Governor Watson and his Addicks allies.

The issue is again "Addicks or nobody," made by Mr. Addicks and the men who have allied themselves with him, many of them for selfish motives, others because they believe it is the only hope of winning. But it will not win. Mr. Addicks has not enough money to purchase his election. He has chosen to insult the good sense of too many tried and true Republicans, and they will not accept him. To shut one's eyes to these facts is to court defeat. Be warned in time.

In view of the present situation of political affairs we cannot see how our Sussex co-temporary can see matters as it does. It is useless to cry, "peace! peace!" when there is no peace. The wise thing to do is to meet the issue and settle it. Let it be settled at the primaries, and without the use of money. It has been said that money at the primaries is the hope of the gas man. We sound the warning in time. If that is attempted, it means the utter rout and defeat of the Republican ticket. This is the hope of the Democrats; this is why the Democratic papers have given Mr. Addicks so much encouragement; purchased primaries means the loss of everything the Republicans in Delaware have gained. Be warned in time.

There is yet another danger. Mr. Addicks offered ten thousand dollars for a vote in the senatorial caucus. That is a fact and what he has done once he will do again. Let only men be sent to the State Convention who are irreproachable. It is better by far to elect out and out Addicks delegates, known to be such, than to elect men who are subject to corrupt influences. Let Republican voters be warned in time of this danger; it is real and not visionary.

And further we would warn certain good and true Republicans of the danger there is in the voice of the tempter. We know that as party men you have seen your political rights trampled on; you have been trodden under the remorseless heel of the Democratic machine until you are almost ready to take hold of any offer to help, but enter not into temptation. Do the right and the right shall prevail. The men whose voices are the most persuasive that you should bow down to golden shrines are agents of the evil one who cares only for his own success; they are but making merchandise of your influence. Be warned, and say, Get thou behind me.

This warning is not factional. We are for the success of the Republican Party, and regretting the course that Mr. Addicks has pursued, knowing that it means the defeat of the party, we speak forth our convictions. We cannot see any other course open to us. We are honest in these convictions, and those who seek the success of the Republican party will consider the warnings we utter.

ADDICKS' RESOLUTIONS.

"John Edward Addicks, of New Castle county, has been named by the Executive Committee of Kent as one of a committee of three to prepare and submit resolutions to the Committee on Resolutions of the State Convention. A fair presumption for such an unusual course is that Mr. Addicks may wish to introduce matters in such a form that no resident of Kent would care to, or else submit planks that are in especial harmony with his point of view and his canvass. Probably his resolutions will read somewhat as follows:

"We, the Addicksites of Delaware, in State Convention assembled, proudly reaffirm our adherence to those principles of rule or rule. Addicks or nobody, bargain and sale by which the voter is corrupted, party rule defied, and the free will of the people made subordinate to the pleasure of the high lord protector who furnishes the cash.

Resolved, that we point with pride to the courage, unselfish devotion, high patriotism and stainless public record of our leader, John Edward Addicks, who with untiring energy and great loss of cash has fought Democracy, and having overcome it with its own weapon, has since fallen upon its publicans.

Resolved, that the delegates chosen by this convention to represent Delaware at St. Louis have no preference as to a candidate to be there chosen, but are expressly instructed to act under the direction of J. Edward Addicks to the end that his personal advancement may be secured by intrigue or bargain with some more powerful politician or delegation.

Resolved, that certain persons having pledged their political support to J. Edward Addicks, a part should be construed to mean the whole, and that this great legal and moral principle should be embodied in the fundamental law of our State by the Constitutional Convention.

Resolved, that the preservation of free institutions depends upon the undisputed control of the people by one man, through money.

Resolved, that our thanks are especially due to Messrs. Hanby, Moore, Ball and Robbins for their patriotism in their determined stand, in the hour of peril, against the wishes of the great majority of the Republican party. Our undying thanks are due to them and to Governor Watson for their successful conspiracy to defeat the will of the people who elected them.

Resolved, that while we disagree with Democrats as to the election of Mr. Addicks to the U. S. Senate, we do stand shoulder to shoulder with them in their patriotic efforts to prevent the seating of Col. DuPont, and to the involved contention that Mr. William T. Watson was and is both Governor and Speaker of the Senate.

Resolved, that in bi-metallism lies the financial safety of the masses of Delaware. Gas stock, convertible at the will of the holder, into either gold or silver, is a safe medium of exchange between the briber and the bribed. Public sentiment converted into cash is also recommended.

On the foregoing principles we confidently expect a great victory in Delaware this fall.

N. B.—Resolved, Addicks or nobody."—*News and Advertiser.*

PAITISAN, BI-PAITISAN OR NON PAITISAN.

At a meeting of the Granges of Sussex county, April 14 at Georgetown, two-thirds of the Granges having representatives present, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Delaware in the act providing for a Constitutional Convention did recommend in said Act, that the two leading political parties of the State make such provisions and arrangements as shall be members of said Convention to be elected from each county shall be equally divided between the said two political parties; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we favor the recommendations so made by the General Assembly and do hereby pledge our support and co-operation in securing equal representation in said Convention from the two leading political parties in the State, and that some formal and definite action may be taken by the citizens of this county. Be it further

Resolved, That a meeting of all citizens throughout the county, having an abiding interest in the welfare of the State, irrespective of party affiliations, will be held at the Court House in Georgetown, May 5th, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of adopting measures whereby the aforesaid recommendation of the General Assembly may be carried out."

Phineas Taylor Barnum said that the American people like to be humbugged, and Barnum was wise in his day and generation. That the farmer is the victim of sharpers, is told daily, and for fear that he may see this trick and shun it before it is too late the Pilot, the only paper in the State having the gall to deplore the fact that at last a convention has been called, tries to raise a shield to protect the real intentions of the men who have all the tips opposed any changes in the constitution. It said:

"There is no doubt but that the opponents of a bi-partisan convention will attempt to convey an impression among the Granges that the Democrats are favoring the movement of an equal political delegation for the purpose of thwarting the intentions of the people. We are warranted in stating that such an insinuation is unjust and unfounded. The sentiment as expressed by many leading members of the party has been uniformly in advocacy of honestly carrying out the will of the people."

The Pilot in pleading not guilty, even before the charge is made, shows its guilt. In its eagerness to play successfully the three-card monte trick it nervously gives away the game. The Grangers should take warning. The ideal convention is now partisan but a bi-partisan convention means that the Democrats will not give the people any of the reforms they seek. They have had the power for thirty years to call a convention; they have not done so, but have defeated every amendment offered to the constitution and defeated every effort to call a convention. Now that a convention is called they are seeking seats in the body that they may destroy all that has been done towards the reforms so much needed. This is our conviction, a conviction that rests upon their past conduct. Grangers, ponder well before you act.

HE WANTS IT.

"Will William T. Watson be satisfied to go out of political life with the title of acting Governor? He has been asked by many a Democrat since May 9th last. Many of his friends have said that he would, but his appointments have said that he would not, they having every indication of being made with the view of a nomination that shall omit the 'acting' from his title, a title so persistently fastened upon him by the Democratic press. The TRANSCRIPT can answer the question and set at rest, or disturb the more as the hopes and wishes may incline, the Democratic mind on this point.

Every Delinquent Tax Receiver in New Castle County was re-appointed by the Levy Court this spring except Mr. J. Frank McWhorter, of St. Georges hundred. Why was this? No one doubts Mr. McWhorter's democracy for it is of the purest type; it is the kind that commands the respect of the whole people, Republicans as well as Democrats, and does not call for apologies. Mr. McWhorter belongs to the class of Democrats who will not stoop to dishonorable things even to win a victory, but it is not the special office of the TRANSCRIPT to explain the whereabouts of Mr. McWhorter's being turned down for Mr. Cleaver, the present Receiver of Delinquent Taxes and the Registrar of 1894 and for 1896. Yet hereby hangs a tale. There was resentment in the hundred over the treatment of Mr. McWhorter, though personally we have not heard of his saying anything about it. But there is opposition to the Cleaver methods and showed itself in a strong protest against his re-appointment as Registrar with a petition for another man, a Democrat representing another element. That petition and protest had weight with Governor Watson, acting Governor as the Democratic press call him, and there was every indication that Mr. Cleaver would be turned down for Registrar. Mr. Cleaver was so informed and to secure the appointment he pledged a solid delegation for William T. Watson to the Democratic State Conventions. The promise fixed the appointment, and the appointment puts Mr. Watson openly in the gubernatorial race. How the Democrats in St. Georges hundred like the dicker in their votes is a question they will answer at the primaries. It is not an affair of the TRANSCRIPT's—except to give the public the news. We give the facts.

THE COURTS DENY IT.

"The defeat (of the Wilmington ticket) was due largely to the superiority of the Democratic ticket and to the fact that the Republican ticket was nominated by fraudulent means."

But the courts deny it, and the Evening News knows it. That paper dare not name the charges that were made—in court we mean—knowing they will show its assertion false. But even the charges brought were thrown out of a Democratic court, before Democratic judges, by Democratic officials. Were these men false to their oaths to uphold the law? The Evening News says so indirectly; it is too cowardly to make a direct charge.

We know but little personally of the two tickets, but that little proves to us that the defeat was not due to the ticket, the nominees were all right; it was due to false charges, persistently made and not refuted with the same persistency. That is the cause of the defeat.

The attention of teachers, and of their older pupils, is invited to the Examination Forms now appearing in the TRANSCRIPT. Last week the one given was used in Kent county in January last; the one this week comes from Sussex. The forms are interesting by way of comparison and may be given to advance pupils, especially certain of the questions and problems. Cut them out and preserve for future use.

POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS.

Senator Gray has had Mr. Patrick Neary appointed as superintendent of the Federal Building in Wilmington at \$7.00 a day in place of Mr. Ware, deceased. This is not in the line of civil service reform, Mr. Dunlap confidently expecting that Mr. Gray would give him the appointment as a promotion. Mr. Gray needs Patrick Neary's help and he must keep him in office. Of course there is nothing for him to do, except to draw his salary. It takes three Democrats to do what one Republican did under the Harrison administration; three salaries are paid for doing one man's work. See!

The Pennsylvania Republican State Convention endorsed Senator Quay for the Presidency on Thursday, refusing to name McKinley as a second choice.

Peaches and Cream.
"Honesty" seeks a coat of varnish with the TRANSCRIPT through the New Era. If he will come out honestly in the open he can be gratified, but not under an assumed name. And besides he must call off Mr. Freeman who this week for the third time attacks the TRANSCRIPT since he gave his promise to friend "to let the TRANSCRIPT alone." Is his word worth nothing? Does he not value a promise? It is true, cap M's and W's were short in the TRANSCRIPT office because of the extra amount of matter given that week for which the New Era apologized to its readers, "a lack of space." But the TRANSCRIPT never gets off anything like this:

"Georgia peaches, from the two six inch branches exhibited in our office by Mr. B. W. Cochran, on Tuesday, will be plentiful in the market right now."

Mr. Cochran showed those twigs in the TRANSCRIPT office but he did not make the ridiculous claim that "from" them the market will be supplied. The New Era says just that: We rather be without cap M's and W's always and even refer to our readers as "reapers" and spell it "typhography" as the New Era does than copy after its miserable English. Tai Tai Caleb Jane.

Mr. Cochran's twigs came from Mr. Hale's orchards through his son and are in-law in New York, and it is from similar twigs that the promised peaches are to come.

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

The politicians are busy.

Frank Watts is still quite sick.

ASabbath school was organized at a Union church on Sunday.

Mr. W. W. Salmon and wife, of Chicago spent Sunday with his parents here.

The attempt to drive a well at the creamery was a failure. An open well had to be dug.

Mr. S. L. Tinley is putting up a new fence in front of his property on Commerce street.

Mr. John Taylor has improved his dwelling by painting and adding a new front fence.

Mr. G. M. Outen, of Felton, formerly principal of our public school, was in town on Saturday.

Miss Mary Wiswell, of Wilmington, has been spending a few days with friends in this vicinity.

The Eradiphan Society will hold a Strawberry Festival on Wednesday evening, May 20th.

Miss Burnett, of Ohio, one of the National W. C. T. U. workers gave two very interesting addresses here on Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Atwell and Mrs. L. J. Smith were the delegates from this union to the W. C. T. U. Co. W. C. T. U. convention held at Mt. Salem on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Maloney celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary on Monday evening Apr. 20th. There were one hundred and seventy-five friends present, the majority of whom were from Townsend and vicinity. Those from other towns were, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wiswell, Miss Emily Flinn, Mr. and Mrs. George Collins, of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maloney and Miss Lizzie Maloney, of New Castle; Mrs. James Denning, of Red Lion; Miss Lucy Lester, of St. Georges; Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barnett and Mrs. Parvis, of Middletown; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Townsend, of Odessa; Mrs. Frank Jester, of Delaware City; Mr. H. Roe, of Smyrna. All present seemed to spend a pleasant evening. Mr. and Mrs. Maloney were the recipients of many presents, both useful and beautiful, and also of many kind wishes for the future.

KENT COUNTY.

The artificial ice plant at Dover has been repaired and was put in operation this week.

Charles Blackston, colored, aged 21, was killed some time Saturday night at the Fulton Street crossing of the Delaware Railroad in Dover.

The poles for the telephone line between Georgetown, Millard and Dover have been erected, and the line will be in working order in a few days.

The trouble is ended between the Milford Neck and Tub Mill charges on Houselon Circuit and Rev. W. E. Tompkinson. These two charges objected to the return of the pastor and refused to receive him. President Elder Adams has therefore placed these two churches on the Frederica charge under Rev. T. A. H. O'Brien, and the injunction case will doubtless be abandoned.

Frank Brookston and Reynolds Cook of Felton, own a tremendous hog. An exchange says the animal of the Berkshire breed; is a little more than 3 years old, is far from fat, and yet is estimated to weigh 1100 pounds. He is very active on his feet, and his big frame could stand at least three hundred pounds of fat. He is named in honor of the Claymont millionaire king, "Z. Edward Addicks" and measures as follows: Length of body, 88 inches; girth of body, 74 inches; height at shoulder, 40 inches.

MY MAIYLA ND.

Mr. Thomas Mallieu is critically ill at his home in Millington.

The outlook for a big peach crop in Kent county is most encouraging at this time.

Gov. Lowndes has signed the death warrant of James Henry Truss who will be hanged in Elktion on Friday, June 26.

A workman employed on the P. W. & B. R. R. near Elktion received a sunstroke on Saturday and died from it in a few hours. He was a native of Denmark, aged 62.

The annual report of the Kent county treasurer shows a larger amount of taxes in default this year than ever before since the inauguration of the treasurer system in 1890. The amount in default is nearly \$5,000.

The new prohibition law of Kent county is most stringent. It not only prohibits, under heavy penalties, any one from selling liquor, but prohibits the "keeping of it" by any one to be used by others. The exhibition of a government license is made proof of a violation of the law. Druggists are permitted to sell upon physicians' prescriptions, but under rigid regulations.

A small house in Concord, eight miles south of Denton, was struck by lightning Sunday night and burned. The house was occupied by Mrs. Joanna Valliant, the teacher of Concord public school. Most of the furniture was saved, but all the clothing and books belonging to Mrs. Valliant, and her daughter were destroyed.

Judge Wicks says, in the Kent Court that the cost of prosecution is an imposition on the tax payers. A man was this week tried at Chester town for stealing a shirt valued at \$25.00, the costs of the case were probably \$100. A number of such cases having appeared, occasioned the Judge's rebuke because they were allowed to be brought into court.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The act abolishing the three days of grace on notes, drafts checks or other evidences of indebtedness, goes into effect June 1st.

Two-thirds of the church members in the United States are women, and only one-third of the criminals are found among their sex.

Democratic State Conventions were held this week in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and both endorsed Gov. William E. Russell for the presidential nominee.

Mr. Barbiere, the Italian woman under sentence of death for killing her false lover and betrayer, Dominico Canale in New York City, was granted a new trial by the Court of Appeals.

Baron de Hirsch, the great Austrian Hebrew philanthropist, died this week. He contributed millions of dollars annually for charity, his special work being the relief of the oppressed Jews, but he did not confine his charity to any race or creed.

The passenger station of the Pennsylvania Railroad at thirty second and Market Sts. Philadelphia, remembered by thousands of people as the Centennial station, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night incurring a loss of \$200,000. Two women were crushed to death under the falling walls and eight more were injured.

I am prepared to call sales of Real Estate and Personal Property—Be glad to give prices or references to any that are going for sale.

D. P. HUTCHINSON, Townsend, Del.

Auctioneer!

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The Middletown Transcript

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., APR. 25, 1906

Local News.

—Try a can of Hopkins' Steamed Hominy (Hulled Corn). It is delicious. Full qt., 10c.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural implements on hand.

—The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Anne's P. E. Church has recently sent a box valued at \$35, to a clergyman in Illinois.

—Madame Rumbold has had a young professional man of Middletown soon to bring a young bride home.

—Bread is the staff of life the good, sweet, full-loaf of the Odessa bakery at Blount street, corner, North Broad and Lake streets.

—Mrs. Louise Clayton has issued an application for a divorce from her husband, Dr. H. L. Clayton, through her attorney, Hugh C. Brown, Esq.

—Fine large shad were selling in the local market this week for ten cents apiece, one eight pounder being purchased at that price. They sold at Port Penn for seven cents.

—The frame dwelling of Charles C. Pyle, on Rising Sun, was destroyed by fire Saturday night, together with the contents. The fire was caused by an overheated stove. The loss is estimated at \$2,500.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odonator and Gas for painless extracting.

—Through spinach and leafy greens in a week, or in other words "greens" are a wholesome addition to midday's bill of fare, and spinach, asparagus, brussels sprouts, etc., are a few of the spring-time delights for vegetarians.

—The barn on the farm of John Denison, near Pleasant Hill, was struck by lightning on Sunday night completely destroying both building and contents including grain and farming implements. The live stock was not injured other than being stunned by the lightning.

—The golden hearted dandelion, in profusion, is blooming in the roadside grass, the most beautiful in color of all the flowers of spring. Who is there that has not curried its stems in childish glee, and twined them in the hair, or blown its feathery sphere until it vanished out of sight? Welcome little wayside flower!

—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, Mrs. William Taylor, and Mrs. Henrietta Parvis were among the two hundred guests at Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Maloney's twentieth wedding anniversary on Monday evening at Townsend.

—It was the most elaborate and delightful social function ever enjoyed in our sister town. The charming hostess and her benign lord are always at home when dispensing hospitality, and the occasion of their "variety wedding" will long be remembered by all participants. The menu consisted of roast beef, potatoes, chicken, pickles, etc., ice cream, cake and coffee, and the large dining hall, handsomely decorated for the occasion seated 42 guests at a sitting.

—The Epworth League was very pleasantly entertained at "Floralia," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor on North Broad street Wednesday evening. The early part of the evening was given up to the ladies for a thimble party, their task being to make about four hundred bags, pretty little affairs about 2 by 4 inches, to be used in the "birthday day party," May 5th in the lecture room of the church, when the guests having received a bag with their invitation, are expected to return it with money to the amount of a penny for each year of their age. The league has great fun making the bags. The work was finished, however, at quite an early hour, as "many hands make light work" and the rest of the evening was spent in social enjoyment. Refreshments, consisting of cream, tea and cake, were served, and the thimble party was declared a great success.

—The Transcript acknowledges the receipt of the forty-third annual report of the Pennsylvania Training School for People Minded Children of which institution Dr. Martin W. Barr is the chief physician. The names of 822 defective children are enrolled as inmates, and the report is full of interesting data. Among the officers of the institution the name of Miss Ella S. Tighman is noted as assistant teacher, the name also of Miss Marion and Eliza Cochran. Some idea of the work this institution is accomplishing is gathered from the programs rendered by the children on such occasions as the Thanksgiving and Christmas festivals, some of the children who are very lacking in some things showing remarkable spirit in others. The institution is open to visitors on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Accompanying the catalogue is a copy of Dr. Barr's celebrated address on "Children of a Day," the imbecile without a living memory, has no past, no future, and is a veritable child of a day.

—The annual spring meeting of the New Castle Presbytery was held at the Lower Brandywine Church. The jurisdiction of the Presbytery includes 66 churches in Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania, with a membership of 46 ministers. Rev. J. A. Oates, of Delaware City, was elected Moderator, Retiring Moderator, Rev. S. M. Perry, of Chesapeake, preached and eloquent sermon. The 170th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence was celebrated during the session. The church was established in 1720 in a log cabin. The present structure is a brick edifice and will seat 400 people. The election of commissioners to the General Assembly which meets at Saratoga the latter part of May resulted in the choice of Revs. Francis H. Moore and Luther A. Oates. Rev. Dr. Vallandigham was appointed moderator and stated supply of the church at Odessa. Those who attended the Presbytery from here were Rev. J. F. H. Moore, Messrs. H. C. Ellison and D. W. Corbit. An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery will be held at Bridgeville May 12.

—Rev. and Mrs. Jno. B. Roberts who moved to Townsend this week, were given a pleasant surprise party and farewell testimonial on Monday night, at the residence of Mrs. Chas. S. Roberts, by the members of the Monday night class, of which Mr. Roberts was leader. Besides the members of the class there were a few other friends invited among them were the pastor, Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cox. There were many expressions of regret that the time of twenty-five years' duration should be severed, to all of which Mr. Roberts responded in words of warmest and tenderest appreciation. After enjoying refreshments so bountifully served, the good night and goodbye were said, and the next day found Mr. Roberts at his new home, in Townsend, where he is having charge of the tin and stove store recently established there by his son, Mr. Thos. Roberts. Middletown loses a good citizen and the M. E. Church a loyal, zealous and faithful worker. Mr. Roberts will be much missed in the church and Sunday School.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Dr. Jos. K. Frame, of Millsboro, was in town Thursday.

John D. Hawkins, Esq., of Dover, was in town this week on business.

—The venerable Henry Davis, of Still Pond, Md., was in town this week.

—Mrs. William Kates is visiting friends and relatives in New Jersey.

—Dr. H. Vaughan spent a week with relatives in Milton, returning on Thursday.

Mrs. H. M. Barr has returned home from a week's visit to Elwin and Philadelphia.

—Mrs. W. T. Connelley is entertaining Miss Florence Leckner, of Camden, N. J.

—Mr. W. J. Barnett spent Thursday at Bridgeville, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones.

—Miss Lillie Scott was in Philadelphia this week hunting more pretty things in millinery.

—John Biggs, Esq., of Wilmington, was the guest of relatives here a short time this week.

—Mrs. J. H. Emerson has been ill for the past two weeks and is still "not able to be out."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jolls, of Wyoming, are spending a few days at the father's, Hon. John W. Jolls.

—Mr. John Clements, of Pocomoke City, Md., paid a visit to his sister, Mrs. Louis Bernard, on Thursday.

—Mrs. M. B. Burris and her little niece, Miss Susan Arthur, spent several days this week in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. John W. Roberts and daughter, of near Smyrna, spent Sunday at her mother's, Mrs. Manlove Wilson.

—Rev. A. P. Prentiss, pastor of Zion M. E. Church, was the guest of Mr. John Cliff on Tuesday and Wednesday.

—Mrs. Geo. Milnor, of Harrisburg, Pa., is visiting at her father's, Mr. Thomas Cavender, on South Broad Street.

—State Treasurer Charles H. Adkins, Mrs. Adkins, and Miss Adkins, of Milton, were guests this week of the Misses Beaton.

—Miss Minnie Rothwell, who was the guest of her aunt, Miss Beaton for the past two weeks, returned home on Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Nickerson, of Kennedysville, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edwards near town.

—Miss Burdella Davis, of Milford, was the guest of Middletown friends, Tuesday, on her return from a visit to her brother in Newark.

—Miss Evelyn Cochran of Millington spent a few days this week with her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Comings, who is also entertaining Miss Medinger, of Baltimore.

—Mr. John J. Hoffecker, who has recently returned from a business trip through the south, spent a few days this week at his father's, Mr. Jas. R. Hoffecker, in town.

—Mrs. V. W. Massey entertained Miss C. S. Burnett, the temperance lecturer, from Monday till Wednesday and found her as entertaining in the home as she is on the platform.

—Miss Lizzie Brannack, the milliner at Mrs. Barnett's, was in the Quaker City on Thursday, on business, but there is nothing Quaker like in the style she brought home with her.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mendinhall, of Wilmington, are receiving the congratulations of their many friends on the birth of a daughter. The wee lassie is a week old and her name is Corinne.

—Mrs. J. F. Pearce, nee Miss Eva Lockwood, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has recently arrived in Philadelphia for a summer's visit with her mother, and will visit her Middletown friends before returning west.

—The many friends of Mr. J. F. Price, of Chesapeake City, President of the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Co., will be sorry to learn of his recent ill health. He has been under the treatment of a Philadelphia specialist, however, and his condition is considerably improved this week.

—Rev. F. H. Moore, pastor of Forest Presbyterian Church, has the honor of being a delegate to the Presbyterian General Assembly, which meets at Saratoga, May 21. He was elected by the Presbytery by a handsome majority on the first ballot, which was a very pleasing evidence of his popularity among his ministerial brethren.

Prizes for our Readers.

The publishers of the LADIES' EVERY SATURDAY will give \$750.00 in Gold, besides Gold Watches, Silver Tea Sets, Fruit Services, Silver Water Pitchers, Silver Dishes, Silver Coffee Cups and Saucers, Silver Knives and Forks, all of good plate, also Genuine Diamond Rings, Music Boxes, Boudoir Clocks, China Sets, Sewing Machines, Chafing Dishes, etc., in order of merit, to those sending the largest number of words made from the letters contained in the two words, "L-A-D-I-E-S' W-E-E-K-L-Y."

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Mrs. Fannie Lockwood announces that she will continue the millinery business of the late Miss S. A. Howell at her old stand on West Main street. She has a full stock of spring goods, and is showing some of the most stylish trimmed hats and bonnets of the season. Patrons old and new will do well to inspect her goods.

Roemer-Webb.

The marriage of Miss Rebecca Webb to Mr. George Roemer was celebrated near Port Penn, in the new home which the groom had made ready for his bride, Wednesday evening. Rev. Fred E. McKinney tied the nuptial knot in the presence of a large company of friends and relatives.

MY IDEA OF ITS MISSION.

BY JOHN S. ASH, VICE-PRESIDENT.

(The Transcript expects to present every week from some members of the Association paper making suggestions, giving "my idea" along some line of its work.—Ed.)

The Y. M. C. A. is an organization which this town has been needing for a long time. When we see how many places there are in this town to entice men from what is right to what is wrong, we then ask ourselves, What is to help them? It is not the work of such an organization as the Y. M. C. A. to do this. We find that young men are looking for a place where they can go to spend their evenings where there will be sociability, and where they can read, and have social talks and get better acquainted with each other.

When traveling men or strangers come here, it is their mission to go and find them and give them one of our cards and invite them to our rooms where they will find a welcome.

It is a place where men of all denominations meet and get better acquainted with each other's work and grow more able to work together. A place which will train young men to be better able to work for their Master.

When a man makes a mistake it is his mission to get around him and let him see that the Y. M. C. A. is something to help him and give him an arm of Christian support, giving him a cordial welcome to our rooms.

Upon whom does the success of this association depend? Not only upon the officers and various committees, but each and every member has a duty resting upon him. If you do not know what is your duty find out. It is your duty to be a part of the Y. M. C. A. This is a place where young men are made welcome to our rooms.

Don't forget our meetings on Sunday, come and bring your friends with you.

Y. M. C. A.

The Strawberry festival, announced for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week in Wood's Hall, promises to be a success. The committees are meeting with cordial efforts of help. You and your friends are invited.

Mr. W. Kates will hold the devotional meeting to-morrow afternoon, from 3:30 to 4:15. It is a men's meeting, and all are welcome. The singing is one of the chief features.

The next social meeting will be held on Monday evening, May 4th. There will be a "talk" by Rev. F. H. Moore, a debate, "Is conscience a correct moral guide?" with one of the popular pastors to make the affirmative argument, presumably against his convictions and only because the committee so fixes it; solos by Mr. William Brady and one or two ladies. The committee extends an invitation to all, the ladies especially.

A "Question Box" is to take part in the social and literary meetings to part in to receive and hold the questions, subject to the direction, and use of the committee. The "box" is ready; let the questions come.

W. C. T. U.

The Y. M. C. A. opened its doors to the W. C. T. U. on Tuesday evening on the occasion of Miss C. S. Burnett's lecture. The room was comfortably filled and the lecture on "Character Building" was listened to very attentively. Miss Burnett is an earnest and forcible talker and speaks her convictions in a plain, straight forward manner. She is closing a six weeks' tour in this state, having spoken in all the cities and principal towns in the state, being also in attendance at the county conventions in each of the three counties. She spoke of the W. C. T. U. with its forty-two departments of work, as, next to the Church of God, the greatest organized effort for good in the world, and a few of the many reforms the white ribbons have brought about. During her stay in town Miss Burnett addressed the children in the Public Schools and was with the young ladies of the "Y" in an informal meeting at Miss Anna Wilson's on Monday evening.

CHURCH CHIMES.

"Guide Divine" is the topic for the Epworth League service at 6:40 to-morrow evening, Dr. C. A. Ritchie, president of the League, leader. All are welcome.

On next Sunday evening at the Forest Presbyterian Church, the subject of the Rev. F. H. Moore's sermon will be "Aspirations of Humanity as Portrayed by Shakespeare and the Bible." All are cordially invited to be present.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mr. F. B. Watkins was in Philadelphia on Thursday.

Miss Bessie George is spending a week with friends in town.

Miss Helen Dure, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Anna Gibson.

Miss Neal Townsend spent Sunday in Odessa, the guest of her parents.

Miss Susanne Sawyer is spending a few days with her brother at Newark.

Mr. Jonathan K. Williams has fully recovered from his recent illness.

Miss Elizabeth Wingate, sister in law of Postmaster L. R. Davis, died at the residence of her brother on Friday afternoon.

Quite a number of Odessians attended the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Maloney at Townsend, on Monday evening.

Arbutus is now in full bloom, and parties of school children may be seen almost any afternoon en route for the woods where the dainty little flower grows in rich profusion.

The funeral services of Leonard G. Vandegraft drew a large circle of his friends and admirers to Old Drawyers Church yard on Friday to gaze for the last time upon the remains of the oldest branch of one of Delaware's most influential families.

The Misses Baker, who for many years have been residents of Odessa, have removed to Wilmington, where they will open a boarding house. These young ladies will be greatly missed by their many friends in town, and the church will mourn the loss of several of its most ardent supporters.

There is a great deal of speculation here as to whether the tomato cannery will run during the present summer. For several years the two cannery establishments have given employment to a large number of people, and it is hoped that Mr. Watkins will see ahead the prospects of a sale of this important industry.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. L. V. Aspril on Monday, the occasion being the forty-fifth anniversary of the organization of Mr. Aspril's Monday night class. It is a very rare occurrence that a man is privileged to celebrate an event which marks the lapse of nearly half a century's untiring energy in church work. Papers were read and addresses made by Messrs. Aspril, Eyles, Roberts and Watkins, after which a bountiful supply of refreshments was served to the large number who gathered to pay honor to the man who has grown old in the service of the church.

DELAWARE CITY

Miss Agnes Vail visited Miss G. Sadler this week.

Mrs. Wm. A. Price spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Miss Nellie Swan is enjoying a visit near Mt. Pleasant.

Wm. Grant, of Cherry Hill, Md., was in town this week.

Mrs. Clayton Von Culin has returned from Philadelphia.

Miss Lizzie Davidson has returned from Chesapeake City.

Mrs. C. A. Ogle is visiting Mrs. F. T. Eagle in New Castle.

Miss Etta Dilworth, of Port Penn, was in town on Wednesday.

Miss Bessie Foster, of Wilmington, spent a short time in town this week.

C. Newbold Price, of near Chesapeake City, was in town on Wednesday.

Samuel Lewis and family, of Philadelphia, are the guests of his parents.

Rev. L. A. Oates attended the meeting of the New Castle Presbytery this week.

Mrs. H. Moss, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shuster.

Mr. and Mrs. Melon, of New Haven Conn. are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Craig at the battery.

Miss Laura Cahill, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. L. Young.

Mrs. George Shuster is entertaining her daughter, Mrs. Frank Frazier and son, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Vankirk who have been visiting friends in Philadelphia and Camden have returned home.

Mrs. Alex. Jarrell and Mrs. William Ellison spent Monday with Mrs. William Morrow near Porter's Station.

Old Glory Council, No 12, Jr. O. U. A. M. of Delaware City, visited Industry Council No 25, of New Castle, on Tuesday evening.

Joseph S. Dunlap it is thought will succeed the late James W. Ware as superintendent of construction at the new Federal building.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Suttin, of St. Georges, visited their daughter Mrs. Geo. N. Bright on Monday the ninth anniversary of Mrs. Bright's wedding.

Mrs. Samuel McCall, Jr., is making her home for the present with her parents on account of her mother's illness. Mrs. Ubbi has been sick for several months.

The lecture on Suffrage held in Mulligan's Hall on Tuesday evening was well attended by an appreciative audience. Mrs. Bradford, of Colorado, demonstrated the theory of women "voting producing more effective good order at the polls, more principle in politics, and more interest in respect for women from the opposite sex."

An ideal wedding day was that of Miss Sue Price, recently of Port Penn who was united in marriage on Thursday to Mr. Dale Stewart in the Presbyterian Church of that illustrious village, by the Rev. O. S. Gillingham. A reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Reynolds, of Delaware City. The bride was attended by her sister Helen and Miss Maggie McMullen. The bridal party left for Delta, Pa., their future home, amid a shower of rice.

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BANKS.

Peoples National Bank—President, G. W. W. Naudin; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Tellers, W. G. Lockwood, Bank Building on East Main Street.

City National Bank—President, Joseph Bigger; Cashier, John S. Crouch; Tellers, L. C. Clifton, Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Major John Jones Post, No. 22, G. A. R. Meets every Friday night in Reynolds' Building at 8 o'clock.

Welcome Conclave Heptastasis, Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K. of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W. Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

Lord Delaware Circle, No. 18, Brotherhood of the Union. Meets 1st and 3rd Friday, McWhorter's Hall at 8 p. m.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN MARKETS.

PRODUCE.

Creamery Butter, lb. 20c

Country Butter, lb. 17c

Eggs, per doz. 17c

White Potatoes, basket, 15c

Apples, basket, 15c

GRAIN.

Wheat, No. 1, bus. 25c

Wheat, No. 2, bus. 24c

Timothy Seed, bus. 25c

Clover Seed, bus. 25c

Corn, yellow, bus. 25c

Corn, white, bus. 25c

Oats, bus. 18c

Hay, 1000 lbs. 15c

Straw, 1000 lbs. 15c

Manure, 1000 lbs. 15c

Stable Litter, 1000 lbs. 15c

Coal, 1000 lbs. 15c

Wood, 1000 lbs. 15c

Bricks, 1000 lbs. 15c

Flint, 1000 lbs. 15c

Gravel, 1000 lbs. 15c

Sand, 1000 lbs. 15c

Shells, 1000 lbs. 15c

Crushed Stone, 1000 lbs. 15c

Crushed Limestone, 1000 lbs. 15c

Crushed Granite, 1000 lbs. 15c

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THE POULTRY BUSINESS.

Uncle Isaac Felch Gives Facts and Figures Concerning a Poultry Industry.

Here are the views of Mr. Isaac Felch, the best posted poultry man in this or any other country:

"Six hundred million dollars is a low estimate of the annual poultry business of the United States. You can figure it for yourself. I demonstrated not long ago that the average price of eggs in my Massachusetts home for the past eight years has been 30¢ per dozen. But we'll put it lower than that. We'll say 25¢. This is a conservative estimate to say that the average family consumes two dozen eggs a week, say 100 dozen a year. This means \$25. It is putting it low to say that the average family consumes \$20 worth of poultry each year. This gives \$45 a year for each family, or for 15,000,000 families \$675,000,000. But this is not all. The encyclopedia says that in 1893 the hotels and restaurants consumed \$60,000,000 worth of poultry and eggs. Owing to the increase of population it cannot be less than \$100,000,000 a year now. There are used in the manufacture of fine leather not less than \$100,000,000 worth of eggs, and there are also used vast quantities of eggs in other manufactures, such as the making of other, etc. Taking the United States and Canada together, I have not the least doubt that the poultry and egg industry amounts every year to \$850,000,000.

"The reason that this is not more generally understood is because so little of this comes into the commerce of the country. The producers consume their products at home. City people often forget to what an extent eggs and poultry enter into the food supply of the people of the country.

"In 1869 I went before the state board of agriculture of Massachusetts and estimated the industry at \$500,000,000. They thought my figures were exaggerated, and a week later one of the members called on me and said that he owned a poultry house. He said that when I gave my statement he had set me down as a humbug, but that after investigation he had become convinced that I was quite within the bounds of fact.

"No farmer should have less than 100 chickens. Give them shelter and a place to rest and they will take care of themselves. A bushel of wheat will keep a hen a year, and with ordinary care she will produce ten dozen eggs a year and hatch and rear a brood of chickens. My Brahma hens in flocks of 75 have averaged 160 eggs a year, and hatched and reared a brood."

Prize Light Brahma Pullet and Cockerel.

RICH COLORED EGGS.

It is a well known fact in the feeding of dairy stock that foods poor in fats or oils cause cows to give milk the cream of green food, the color of the milk will produce very light colored eggs. It is also a matter of common knowledge among dairymen that the high colored foods will increase the color of butter, as when carrots or cottonseed meal are fed. The fattening of cattle with cottonseed meal is probably the most desirable, as the size can be easily changed to suit the season or circumstances. These same changes can be made with ordinary hens by using different feeds or "dummies," but there is less "machinery" in the matter, and with sectional hens. Only expert breeders and those who make a specialty of the business should employ small flocks, as it is true that bees in small hives require closer attention in the way of feeding if they are properly supplied with stores and honey.

The foregoing was written for Country Gentleman by that experienced and successful apiarist, W. S. Hutchinson. THE MONGOLIAN PHEASANT.

A Newcomer Among the Game Birds of New England.

"We have so far watched the pheasant very carefully, and have seen them bring a higher price for their meat than any other game bird. It is a matter of fact that all the difference in the color of the yolk may not be due to the single item of food or confinement. Feeders are agreed that Leghorns and other Mediterranean breeds will bear feeding of green food more than the Asiatic breeds. The Asiatic breeds are more inclined to eat green food, and consist of considerable corn with plenty of green food and range, would, no doubt, give eggs with very light colored yolks. Confined without much variety of food is also known to cause hens to lay eggs with very light yolks, and when such fowls are given their freedom, plenty of green food and a variety of grain food, the color of the yolks will change in a few days so as to be quite noticeable. Some varieties of fowls naturally lay eggs with lighter colored yolks than others. 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